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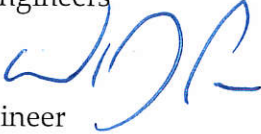
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Construction Information Memorandum No. 1 - 2019

TO: Region Engineers

ATTN: Region Pre-Construction & Area Operations, Construction, and
Local Transportation Engineers

FROM: Winston J. Powe, P.E. 
State Construction Engineer

RE: Handicap/Disability Pavement Markings

There have been recent discussions between the Construction, Design, and Maintenance Bureaus over the use of the color blue for parking spaces and symbol background for handicap/disability pavement markings. The purpose of this CIM is to clarify the requirements of the Department and MUTCD.

It is common to see blue used for the lines of parking spaces and symbol background in parking areas of private businesses. In addition, the Department has on occasion either required a blue background as a preference or has referenced the use of a blue background in project notes. The Department has also striped parking spaces at welcome centers and rest areas with blue lines.

Page 387 of the 2009 MUTCD (partial page shown below) mentions blue lines and background, but only in the context of being supplementary or optional. Special Drawing Index No. 1049 (partial sheet shown below) does not require a background at all, but simply states under General Note #4 that "...all legends and markings shall be white in color unless otherwise noted on detail."

Based on this guidance and in order to provide consistency for the traveling public, the use of the color blue for lines of parking spaces, symbols, and background for handicap/disability pavement markings shall be discontinued immediately on all projects and at all ALDOT facilities.

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Attachments

pc:	Mr. George Conner, PE	Mr. Don Arkle, PE	Mr. William Adams, PE
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Option:

Blue lines may supplement white parking space markings of each parking space designated for use only by persons with disabilities.

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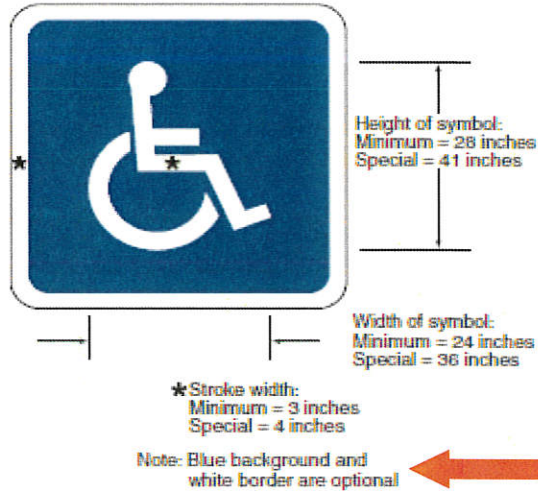
- 04 Additional parking space markings for the purpose of designating spaces for use only by persons with disabilities are discussed in Section 3B.20 and illustrated in Figure 3B-22. The design and layout of accessible parking spaces for persons with disabilities is provided in the "Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG)" (see Section 1A.11).

Section 3B.20 Pavement Word, Symbol, and Arrow Markings

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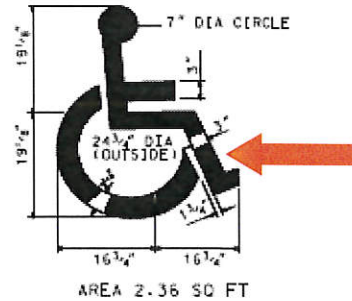
- 01 Word, symbol, and arrow markings on the pavement are used for the purpose of guiding, warning, or regulating traffic. These pavement markings can be helpful to road users in some locations by supplementing signs and providing additional emphasis for important regulatory, warning, or guidance messages, because the markings do not require diversion of the road user's attention from the roadway surface. Symbol messages are preferable to word messages. Examples of standard word and arrow pavement markings are shown in Figures 3B-23 and 3B-24.

Figure 3B-22. International Symbol of Accessibility Parking Space Marking

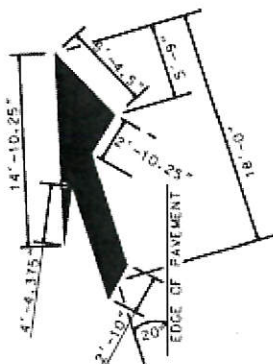


* **GENERAL NOTES**

1. ALL LEGENDS AND MARKINGS SHALL CONFORM TO THE MUTCD.
2. THE AREA SHOWN FOR MARKINGS AND LEGENDS ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE PROVIDED FOR ESTIMATING AND PAYMENT PURPOSES.
3. THE FIRST TURN LANE LEGEND SHALL BE LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SPEED CHANGE LANE LINE.
4. ALL LEGENDS AND MARKINGS SHALL BE WHITE IN COLOR UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON DETAIL.
5. ALL LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET AND NUMERALS SHALL BE CLASSIFIED AS LEGENDS. ALL OTHERS SHALL BE CLASSIFIED AS MARKINGS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED AS "SPECIALTY TRAFFIC CONTROL MARKINGS".




HANDICAP PAVT MARKING SYMBOL
 "SPECIALTY TRAFFIC CONTROL MARKINGS"



LANE REDUCTION
 AREA 42.25 SQ FT

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1. Amend Lane Markings, Legend Turn Lane & Second Exit Lane Arrows and Sign Legend as shown by S&A. 2. Second portion of original drawing was requested to show more clarity in 24-2413 by JFF. 3. Amend Interchange Symbols on 10-283 by JFF. 4. Amend Specialty Traffic Control Markings (see 24-2413) to be a white message detail on 24-2413 by LVE (checked the area of the "HANDICAP ALABAMA STATE POLICE LEGISLATION 24-2413" and "HAND LANE MARKING 24-2413" on 24-2413 by LVE).	 <p>ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 1409 COLLESON BOULEVARD MONTGOMERY, AL 36105-3050</p> <p>DESIGN BUREAU SPECIAL DRAWING</p>	<p>PAVEMENT LEGENDS AND MARKINGS</p>
		Bureau Site Engineer: <u>[Signature]</u> DRAWN BY: _____ DATE CHANG: 11-06-91

Incorrect use of blue color for stripe, symbols, and background

